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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated February 13, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 17 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the claims as follows. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Amended) An edible shaped body in the form of a flat or tubular fiber containing film based on plastifiable biopolymers or cleavage products or derivatives thereof and/or synthetic polymers of natural monomers is produced by a process having the following stages:

a) mixing the biopolymers, cleavage products or derivatives thereof and/or the synthetic polymers with at least one edible plasticizer, at least one lubricant and at least one crosslinker and fibers,

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